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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TOWN OFFICERS

OF

THE TOWN OF WARREN, N. H.

COMPRISING THOSE OF THE

Treasurer, Selectmen, Overseer of the Poor
And School Committee,

FOR THE

Year Ending March 1, 1884.

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1884.

Treasurer's Report.

Ira Merrill, in account with the town of Warren, Dr.

1883.			
March	14.	Balance in treasury at time of settlement.....	$496 06
		Received of—	
	12	L. C. Whitcher, amount received from Selectmen of Ellsworth.....	1 00
	14	amount in an envelope from an unknown person,	5 00
	21	from county on bills of 1882.....	158 28
	21	from county the amount paid for burying Mrs. Copp.....	10 00
	29	of Ezra Libbey, Selectman, on the D. C. Perrey place.....	100 94
June	19	of Ezra Libbey, Selectman on the S. C. Bixby lease, for 1882.....	8 49
Sept.	17	of Ezra Libbey, and gave note to C. J. Foote....	300 00
Oct.	6	" " the interest on the E. B. Libbey lease for 1883.....	3 30
Nov.	8	of Ezra Libbey, on Onslow Perrey Note for D. C. Perrey place.....	82 92
Dec.	18	of Ezra Libbey, Literary fund.....	100 47
	"	" " Railroad tax.....	392 79
	"	" " Savings Bank tax.....	903 37
1884.			
Feb.	15	Balance on Adoniram Whitcher's Note.....	53 00
	19	Bounty due from State.....	14 00
	20	of A. M. Pillsbury, Liquor Agent, by the Selectmen.....	127 00
	20	of Franklin Furgerson, Town House Agent.....	11 92
	23	Ezra Libbey, Selectman, amount received of J. M. Williams for Onslow Perrey's Notes given for the D. C. Perrey Place.....	315 00

Feb.	23	the interest on R. H. Clement's Lease Note, three years, for 1881-2-3	5 76
	25	the interest on the D. A. French Lease, H. C. S.	6 00
			$3,095 30

The above was received from E. Libby, Selectman.

1884.

Feb.	22	Amount received on taxes of 1878, A. Whitcher, Collector	3 97
	2	Amount received on taxes of 1880, A. F. Gale, Col.	6 25
		Received at different times on taxes of 1882, S. E. Swain, Collector	270 41
	25	Received interest on taxes of 1882, S. E. Swain, Collector	8 03
			$3,383 96
May	7	Taxes of 1883, S. E. Swain, Collector	$3 10
June	2	" " "	35 00
June	30	" " "	172 59
Aug.	3	" " "	131 95
Sept.	3	" " "	154 50
Sept.	15	" " "	517 81
Oct.	6	" " "	94 49
Oct.	8	" " "	133 23
Nov.	2	" " "	200 48
Dec.	1	" " "	280 68
1884			
Jan.	5	" " "	491 04
Feb.	5	" " "	204 11
Feb.	18	" " "	323 96
Feb.	22	" " "	125 00
Feb.	23	" " "	123 72
Feb.	25	" " "	28 25
		Total Receipts	$6,401 87

DISBURSEMENTS.

1883. Paid as follows:—

Mar.	1	Paid J. M. Dow, Ministerial money for 1882, Universalist	$11 22
"	5	Paid Wm. Moses for labor on Bridge	2 20
"	12	Ira Merrill, for six bills paid out by him for D. C. Perry's sickness and burial	218 83
			$232 25

The above eight bills were paid by Ira Merrill, Treasurer, after the books were closed.

Mar.	14	C. H. Kimball for Printing Reports, '82-3,	14 15
	23	Calvin W. Cummings and E. L. Fifield, school-house tax, Dist. No. 7, 1882	27 80
	26	D. Y. Eastman for coffin and box for Mrs. Copp,	10 00
Apr.	7	John B. Moses for running Town Line, 1882	2 00
	7	John B. Moses for labor on highway, 1882	2 40
	13	Geo. Swain for labor on highway, 1882	1 80
	13	Dr. E. A. Tobey, for reg. births and deaths	4 25
	11	Dr. R. E. Merrill, " "	2 25
	11	I. M. Eaton, damage dogs killing sheep	9 50
	11	John T. Page, for labor on highway	3 75
	21	G. H. L. Head " "	10 20
	28	Samuel Whitcher, damage for dogs killing sheep,	6 00
May	5	Silsbey & Son for Stationery	4 99
	7	H. D. Martin, damage for dogs killing sheep,	4 50
	"	R. D. Fifield, for labour on road	2 28
	"	Henry Armington, labor on road, Dist. No. 8	2 00
	22	Irwin B. Wright, for crossing field, 1882 and 1883,	5 00
	28	Mrs. John Eames, work on road by J. Eames	1 44
June	4	Russell Upton, school-house tax, Dist. No 3	50 00
July	14	Emory Flanders, for labor on highway, No. 5,	7 38
	14	G. B. Merrill, damage for dogs killing sheep	9 00
July	21	C. Crow, for burying S. M. Perry, Jr	12 00
	28	Ezra Libbey, bounty on crows	5 00
Aug.	3	Irwin B. Wright, for labor on highway, Dis. No. 5,	2 67
	3	W. W. Garland, " " Dis. No. 3,	6 24

Sept.	3	S. Crockett, for labor on highway Dis. No. 5....	$ 2 40
	"	W. C. Bixby, for furnishing water in trough.....	1 50
	"	Irwin B. Wright, for labor on highway in Dis. No.5,	1 50
	"	Frank Lovell, " " "	2 93
	15	H. D. Martin, for working Wm. Bailey's highway tax.....	85
	15	S. M. Perry, for labor on highway, No. 4	2 25
	15	H. D. Judkins, for labor on bridge, No. 2.....	1 50
	17	Rufus Flanders, for labor on highway, No. 5....	2 50
	17	John Goodwin, for labor on highway, 1882-3, No. 5.	30 00
	19	County tax for 1883.....	969 14
	19	J. E. Sargent, for deposition in the H. P. Noyes Case.....	3 00
	19	L. C. Whitcher, witness in the John Whitcher Case.....	10 00
	23	Chase & Streeter, for advice on damage.....	2 00
	28	Samuel Whitcher, for breaking roads in Dist. 7, 1882.....	12 50
Oct.	5	I. W. Tilley, work on farm house.....	6 12
	5	I. W. Tilley, work on bridge Dist. No. 2.....	87
	11	C. H. Batchelder, for labor on road and bridge in Dist. No. 5.....	25 00
	18	W. W. Garland, for labor on road and bridge in Dist. No. 3.....	4 50
	19	I. B. Moses, for labor on road bridge in Dist. No. 3	3 75
	19	S. C. Bixby, damage for dogs killing sheep.....	2 00
	19	C. G. Foot, school-house tax in Dist. No. 9.....	15 00
	19	R. M. Sills, for labor on highway.....	2 25
Nov.	3	Irwin B. Wright, for grade taken for highway in Dist. No. 5.....	3 00
	20	Tim B. Foot, for lead pipe for farm house.....	10 77
	20	R. M. Silley, for cutting bushes in Dist. No. 3....	75
	24	I. T. Page, school-house tax in Dist. No. 4.....	31 63
	30	Charles J. Swain, for cutting bushes in Dist. No. 6	5 00
	29	O. S. Gleason and A. M. Pillsbury, school-house tax in No. 2.....	75 00
Dec.	1	Jona. Little, for furnishing water in trough.....	3 00

Dec.	6	C. Shute, for working highway tax.....	$ 56
	6	G. H. L. Head, for plank and lumber in Dist. No. 3	9 09
	6	F. Gale, for labor on highway Dist. No. 5.....	6 00
	17	State tax for 1883.....	628 00
	20	C. G. Foote, note and interest.....	304 65
	20	Warren Water Co. for water furnished near depot	6 00
	26	R. Upton and G. N. Boynton, school-house tax '83 in Dist. No. 3.....	50 00
	27	Chas. H. Batchelder, for labor on highway, No. 5	20 72
	27	" " " bridge, "	3 00
Jan'y	5	E. B. Silley, for work in Dist. No. 3.....	60
	5	Ezra Silley, for work on farm house.....	15 25
	5	Samuel Nason for work on highway.....	4 27
	5	J. F. Merrill, for work on bridge and highway..	24 22
	5	A. Cookson, for labor on highway, Dist. No. 3....	5 00
	5	" " " " "	4 50
	5	G. H. L. Head, labor on highway, Dist. 3.....	14 25
	5	G. E. Swain, for work on road and water works..	3 00
	5	H. T. Armington, for plank and timber.....	97 87
	5	Eben Swain, for labor on highway and cutting bushes.....	9 37
	5	S. E. Foote, for bridge stringer in 1872.....	7 40
	5	" for work on water works on farm....	3 00
	5	" " " highway.....	7 7[illegible]
	5	R. D. Fifield, " " " Dist. No. 7.....	1 00
	5	E. L. " crossing fields in 1882-3 and labor on highway.....	8 50
	5	E. L. Fifield, for work on highway, Dist. No. 7...	1 25
	5	Joseph Whitcher, for work on highway, in No. 3	7 13
	5	E. L. Fifield, H. D. M. and R. D. Fifield, school-house tax in No. 7, 1883.....	83 75
	11	Albion Silley, labor on highway in No. 10.....	1 44
	11	O. S. Gleason, for sawing lumber for sidewalk and work on bridge.....	11 48
	12	E. L. Fifield and H. D. Martin, balance of school-house tax in No. 7.....	93 25
	15	H. N. Merrill, for lumber and plank.....	17 43

Jan'y	28	Rev. W. Fish, Methodist ministerial money, 1883	$ 11 23
	28	I. T. Page, for work on highway in No. 4.....	18 35
Feb.	5	Ezra B. Eaton & Son, for shingles and nails for farm house buildings.....	60 65
	5	John Goodwin, for labor on highway in No. 5....	28 05
	5	S. E. Swain, cutting bushes on highway.....	4 98
	5	Wm. Moses, for labor on highway in No. 3.....	2 64
	5	H. D. Martin, for breaking road in No. 7.....	4 50
	5	F. Flanders, for labor on highway in No. 9.....	3 29
	5	C. G. Smith and Caleb Wells, referees in the J. Whitcher case.....	12 00
	18	Wm. Swain, for work on highway in No. 6.....	13 50
	18	" " witness in J. Whitcher case.....	1 00
	18	Arthur Knapp, for bridge timber.....	126 64
	18	G. E. Foote, for work on farm shed and bridge...	9 19
	18	H. Kimball, for work on side-walk.....	75
	18	C. A. Whitcher, for labor on bridge.....	1 50
	18	S. E. Swain, for labor on water works at farm....	75
	18	H. D. Whitcher, for work on bridge and side-walk	6 00
	18	Mrs. M. S. Warren, witness in the J. Whitcher case.....	89
	18	B. F. Warren, for services in the J. Whitcher case	1 00
	19	Samuel Whitcher, for work on road.....	1 00
	19	Ezra Silley, bounty on 4 crows.....	40
	19	Jesse O. Merrill, for appraising the J. Eames farm	50
	19	D. Q. Clement, for labor on sidewalk.....	2 00
	19	I. S. Jewett, for 1 bottle of medicine for F. C. Wyatt, 1878.....	92
	19	H. A. Whicher, for copying records.....	1 00
	19	G. H. H. Silsby & Son, for six check lists.....	1 05
	19	Ezra Silley, money paid for stationery.....	1 67
	20	Dr. R. E. Merrill and Dr. E. Tobey, for examining Mrs. C. Badger before going to C. asylum....	4 00
	20	Dr. R. E. Merrill, for recording births and deaths	75
	20	Dr. Tobey, for recording births and deaths.....	3 50
	21	I. M. Dow, ministerial money for the Universalist, 1883.....	11 23

Feb'y	21	S. E. Foote, for labor on new road.....		$ 1 25
	22	I. S. Jewett, for spikes....		7 15
	22	H. A. Whitcher, town clerk for recording births and deaths.....		60
	22	H. A. Whitcher, for work on side-walk...		1 50
Mar.	23	Ira Merrill to settle with county, time and expense.....	2 70	
May	7	Ira Merrill, time and expense to see Jacob and A. Jewell...	13 20	
Sept.	8	Ira Merrill, for time and expense to Haverhill to see commissioners in the H. P. Noyes' case.....	3 00	
Nov.	13	Ira Merrill, time and expense in getting papers for Mrs. Badger.....	2 00	
	27	Ira Merrill, time and expense to County Farm to see Com.	3 25	
	24	Ira Merrill, time and expense to Manchester to see Jacob Jewell..	3 25	
	29	Ira Merrill, amt. paid to J. E. Davis for two tickets to Plymouth for J. Leroy.....	1 60	
Dec.	17	Ira Merrill. time and expense to Concord to settle State tax and take F. L. Badger's deposition.....	7 85	
				$36 85
	23	S. E. Swain, for tax bills.....		1 00
	23	Samuel Whitcher, damage received on new road Aug. 20, 1883...		125 00
	25	Ezra Lilley, for shoveling snow		30
Feb'y	25	Joseph Whicher for 12 hours work on road		1 44
	25	F. P. Little, for labor on highway in No. 7		8 25

Feb'y 25	H. A. Little, for labor on highway.....		$ 6 00
25	Arthur Knapp, land damage Fellows place 1879.....		8 00
25	I. M. Bixby, for lumber for bridge and side-walk.....		83 75
			$3,733 27

COST OF TOWN POOR.

Feb'y 21	paid Ann Flanders, for supporting David Fifield from June 22, 1883, to Sept. 14, 1883.....	18 00	
21	Chas. W. Cummings, for cloth- for D. Fifield.....	3 75	
			$21 65
Mar. 19	A. Knapp, for 1 1-2 cords of wood for I. T. Cummings.....	4 88	
19	Chas. W. Cummings, for goods for I. Cummings.....	4 47	
June 13	Ira Merrill, for butter for I. T. Cummings	3 19	
13	Chas. W. Cummings, for goods for I. T. Cummings.....	30 15	
Oct. 18	Chas. W. Cummings for goods for I. T. Cummings.....	20 59	
Feb. 21 '84	Chas. W. Cumming, for goods I. T. Cummings.....	7 25	
			$70 53
Jan. 5	C. W. Cummings, for goods for I. M. Whiten..... ...	$8 94	
Feb. 21	C. W. Cummings, goods for I. M. Whiten.....	5 12	
23 '83	Ira Merrill, amt. paid for I. M. Whiten.....	2 08	
			$16 11

Oct.	18	C. W. Cummings, for David and F. Jewell.....	$ 11 02	
Jan.	5 '84	C. W. Cummings, for David and F. Jewell.....	8 81	
	28	J. M. Bixby, for 7 1-2 cords of wood less hay sold for D. and F. Jewell.....	13 84	
Feb.	5	Ezra Lilley, plowing and work for D. and F. Jewell.....	3 25	
Nov.	29	for 1-2 pt. of alcohol for F. Jewell	23	
Feb.	8 '84	Bartlett & Hillard, flour for D. and F. Jewell.....	3 42	
	21	C. W. Cummings, goods for D. and F. Jewell.....	4 14	
				$44 71
June	13 '83	C. W. Cummings, goods for J. Leroy.....	3 97	
Oct.	16	C. W. Cummings, goods for J. Leroy.....	7 32	
Jan.	5	C. W. Cummings, goods for J. Leroy	21 07	
	28	C. P. Nason, hauling wood for J. Leroy.....	2 50	
Feb.	8	Wm. Currier, plastering house for J. Leroy.....	2 25	
	19	S. E. Swain house rent and wood for J. Leroy.....	18 25	
	19	C. W. Cummings, goods for J. Leroy.....	5 23	
	19	Dr. Tobey, medicine for J. Leroy.....	3 50	
				$64 09
	20	E. B. Eaton & Son, money paid to Mrs. Sanborn.....		3 00
	20	Enoch Merrill, supporting T. C. Wyatt to		

		March 17, 1884	$ 52 00
Feb.	20	R. M. Lilley, supporting Jane Chamberlin to March 24, 1884	52 00
	20	B. F. Eastman, supporting Jane Chamberlin to March 24, 1883	5 00
	20	D. H. Tibbetts, supporting Kate Crowley to April 2, 1884	52 00
	20	Ann Flanders, supporting D. Fifield to March 22, 1884	40 50
	20	Dr. E. A. Tobey, doctoring town poor to March 15, 1884	10 00
			$4,164 96

PAID THE SEVERAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

No. 1		$82 59	
No. 2		419 80	
No. 3		92 94	
No. 4		52 52	
No. 5—Left over	$12 36		
	48 92		
		61 28	
No. 6—Due $5 36		60 00	
No. 7		56 95	
No. 8—Left over	$11 28		
	54 31		
		65 59	
No. 9		66 40	
No. 10—Left over in part	$34 82		
	30 18		
		65 00	
			$1,018 07

Feb.	15	Paid Ezra Libbey expense taking Mrs. C. Badger to Asylum	19 85

Feb. 23	H. D. Whitcher, labor on Highway Dist. No. 8	9 25
23	Walter Libbey, for bolts for bridges	2 00

SALARIES OF TOWN OFFICERS.

1884.		
Feb. 8.	Paid D. A. French, Superintending Committee	$25 50
20.	A. M. Pillsbury, Liquor Agent	25 00
20.	F. Furgerson, Town House Agent	11 92
20.	H. A. Whitcher, Town Clerk,	20 00
23.	Ira Merrill, Treasurer,	25 00
23.	Ira Merrill, Overseer of Poor	12 65
23.	S. B. Page, retaining and counsel fee	33 00
25.	Ezra Libbey, Services as Selectman,	67 00
25.	D. Q. Clement, Services as Selectman,	50 00
25.	H. A. Little, Services as Selectman	45 00
25.	S. E. Swain, for collecting $3,019 91 of taxes of 1883	45 24
25.	S. E. Swain, for collecting $270 41 of taxes of 1882	4 00
27.	Russell Upton, labor on bridge	3 00
27.	Auditors for 1883	4 50
27.	Other small bills	3 14

Amount paid for support of John Eames:—

1883.		
March 19.	Paid S. D. Hartwell for sawing and splitting wood	6 00
19.	Charles W. Cummings, for goods	8 34
31.	S. D. Hartwell, for work	6 50
April 28.	Charles A. Hartley, for chopping maples	5 75
May 9.	" " " " and hauling 24 cords of wood	11 00
June 4.	Warren Smith, for fencing, plowing and potatoes	18 40
21.	Charles W. Cummings, for goods	35 23
Oct. 18.	" " "	38 70

Oct.	27.	T. Burke, for sawing and splitting two cords of wood	$ 3 00
	27.	T. Burke, for banking up house	50
Nov.	24.	Jerry O. Merrill, mowing and hauling hay	6 50
	24.	T. Hartley, for mowing hay	1 25
Dec.	13.	T. Burke, sawing and splitting 1 cd. wood	1 50
	13.	J. Goodwin, moving J. Eames and goods	3 00
1884.			
Jan.	5.	Paid Chas. W. Cummings for goods	22 42
	28.	I. M. Bixby, for 1 1-2 cords of wood	1 87
Feb.	12.	Mrs. J. Eames, cash at different times	3 50
	12.	A. Page, stove knees and pipe	76
	12.	Chas. Valley, work to Feb. 12, 1884	12 00
	12.	Mrs. C. Vailey, 50 w'ks' w'k to Feb. 12 '84	100 00
	18.	Smith Bros., hauling potatoes and produce	5 00
	19.	Arthur Knapp, for house rent and wood to March 22, 1884	40 50
	19.	Arthur Knapp, pasturing cows in fall feed	3 00
	19.	Mrs. John Hartwell, for washing	3 00
	20.	C. W. Cummings, goods for J. Eames	29 23
	20.	Dr. Tobey, med. aid for Mrs. J. Eames	10 17
	20.	" " " "	43 00
	22.	H. C. Gale, work for Mrs. J. Eames	1 00
	22.	Ira Merrill, amount as per bill for fresh beef and pork, also time spent for John Eames	20 04
	23.	H. I. Valley, work to Feb. 18, 1884	3 85
Total for J. Eames,			$445 01
Amount paid last year			34 10
			$479 11

Cost to care for Davis C. Perry in his sickness at Concord, also for burial:—

1883.		
Mar. 19.	Paid Ira Merrill, expense to settle with E. B. Weeks	$1 50
	Paid S. E. Swain for digging gaave	3 00
	Paid D. Y. Eastman, driving hearse	1 00
	Paid E. R. Weeks, mortgage	118 00
	Paid S. B. Page, claim	98 72
26	Paid Ira Merrill, for getting the Page deed on record	60
	In Ira Merrill's hands	141 00
		$6,403 87

Total cost of D. C. Perry's sickness and death, $480 94. The town has received the same amount.

Total cost of John Eames and wife's sickness from February 6, 1883 to March 1, 1884, is $479.11. The town holds the John Eames farm, appraised at $400. The town has about 3 tons of hay and 40 bushels of potatoes, cut and raised on the J. Eames farm.

IRA MERRILL, Overseer of the Poor.

Statement of Liquor Account for the past year, A. M. Pillsbury, Agent, $428.37, which is paid for.

The town has received from Agent, A. M. Pillsbury, $127.00 which amount includes $20 in said agents hands last year.

IRA MERRILL, Treasurer.

INDEBTEDNESS OF THE TOWN.

Due Baptist Ministerial money for 1883	$11 22
School district, No. 10	90 23
" " 6	5 36
	$106 81

MEANS OF PAYMENT.

Cash in Treasury	$141 81
Due from Amoskeag Savings bank	881 09
from County for support of County Poor, about	250 00
from State for bounties	5 40
on S. C. Bixby's lease for 1883	8 49
on Benjamin Fellows' note	50 00
from Concord Savings Bank	20 00
on taxes of 1878	2 79
on taxes of 1880	12 45
on taxes of 1883	548 69
on I. T. Willis' lease for 1883	8 49
Value of liquor and casks in Agent's hands	49 02
Due from G. W. Merrill for use of Jewell pasture	5 00
The John Eames farm as appraised	400 00
	$2,182 73
Balance due ~~from~~ town	$2,075 92

We have this day examined the accounts of the Treasurer and Selectmen, and find them agreeing with the vouchers, and correct.

WALTER LIBBEY,
H. D. ABBOTT,
AMOS L. MERRILL, } Auditors.

Warren, Feb. 27, 1884.

School Report.

PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEES.

District No. 1. Charles N. Smith.
" " 2. George W. Merrill.
" " 3. George N. Boynton.
" " 4. John T. Page.
" " 5. Charles W. Batchelder.
" " 6. Henry D. Whicher.
" " 7. Edwin L. Fifield, Henry D. Martin, Royal D. Fifield.
" " 8. Irwin B. Wright.
" " 9. Ezra Libbey.
" " 10. Francis C. Cummings.

AUTHORIZED TEXT BOOKS.

Appleton's Readers.
McGuffey's Electric Speller.
Greenleaf's Arithmetics.
Swinton's Language Series.
Harper's Geographies.
Quackenbos' History.
Harper's Geographies.
Meservey's Book Keeping. Single Entry.

TEACHERS.

District No. 1.—Marrietta Merrill.
District No. 2.—Grammar Department. — 1st and 2nd Terms, Mary Ellen Pillsbury.
" " Third Term,—Clayton C. Foster.

District No. 2—Primary Department.—1st Term, Emma B. Stevens.
" " " " 2nd and 3rd Terms, Alice V. Pillsbury.
" " 3.—Jessie J. Boynton.
" " 4.—1st Term, Ettie L. Prescott
" " 2nd Term, Bertelle M. Sinclair.
" " 5.—1st Term, Abbie Parker.
" " 2nd Term, Alice M. Bixby.
" " 6.—Cora A. Willey.
" " 7.—Emma L. Whelpley.
" " 8.—1st Term, Alice M. Bixby.
" " 2nd Term, Emma E. Goodwin.
" " 9.—Ezra Libbey.
" " 10.—Edith N. Bartlett.

This year: Misses Marietta Merrill, Jessie J. Boynton, Emma E. Goodwin, Ettie L. Prescott, Bertelle M. Sinclair, Abbie Parker and Alice M. Bixby taught their first Terms.

Roll of Honor.

Containing all the names of all pupils who have been present every half day of a Term without being tardy: Gertie M. Hibbard, Nellie M. Wales, Cora A. Cummings, Mamie A. Davis, Gertie Lund, Lucy C. Fiske, Martha S. French, Belinda J. Batchelder, Martha L. Cummings, Mayland Batchelder, Maynard E. Cummmings, Herbert G. Pike, Alson L. Goodwin, Tilden B. Wright, Ida L. Goodwin, Linnie A. Stetson, Sarah R. Wright, Harry A. Fifield, Harry E. Little, Ralph J. Little, Lettie C. Little, Agnes M. Canfield, John E. Batchelder, Effie M. Webber, Musa D. Judkins, Gypsy L. Whitcher, Jennie T. Whicher, Endora B. Whitcher, Alice M. Batchelder, Edith M. Leonard, Cora A. Merrill, Ada E. Merrill, Mattie A. Page, John A. Page, Charlie P. Cookson, Charlie W. Head, Ralph Libbey, Fred N. Upton, Martha J. Page, Effie L. Annis, Eva Cummings, Myrtie D. Ferguson, Gracia B. Prescott, Harrie R. Armington, Willie M. Bixby, Fred P. Clement, Otis Cummings, Ira H. Morse, Alice M. Bartlett, Mamie Clement, Mamie A. Fiske, Charlie A. Clement, Hiland Merrill.

The interest in the school of the town is increasing. "The Roll of

Honor" is greater than last year. There are scholars who with a little more effort I think might be present the opening of school every morning and afternoon during the term. Some, who are tardy, live only a short distance from the school. In some instances pupils cannot avoid being absent or tardy occasionally. In two instances this year pupils living nearly three miles from school, were present at the opening of school every day during the term. I hope the Superintending School Committee, of next year, may have the pleasure of reporting the names of a majority of the scholars in town on the "Roll of Honor," not alone for one term, but for every term of school which they attend.

In our schools, those who have taught one or more terms before this year, have well sustained the good reputation previously gained, and those who have this year have taught for the first time have striven hard to establish a good reputation as teachers.

By the will of the late Rev. Ezekiel Dow, the sum of one thousand dollars is bequeathed, for the benefit of the public school of our town. A good Reed Organ has been put in the school house in district No. 7, donated by Mr. Ira Whitcher, of Woodsville, N. H., for the use of the district. I would respectfully suggest to the Selectmen and School Committee of the community to take into consideration the advisability of furnishing each school with a map of the state of New Hampshire.

An amendment to the law relating to the text-books which takes effect Mach 1st, 1884, provides that, in addition to the studies previously named in the law, "teachers shall be examined in physiology and hygiene, with special reference to the effects of alcoholic drinks and narcotics upon the human system. The School Committee may prescribe suitable rules, regulations, &c., provided that physiology and hygiene, including special reference to the effects of alcoholic stimulants and narcotics upon the human system, shall be prescribed in all schools sufficiently advanced."

Permanent repairs have been made on the school houses in several districts this year, but more are needed in some of the districts. In cold weather pupils suffer from the coldness of the floors, suggesting the thought that the health and comfort of our children who attend winter schools would be benefitted by having the school houses were

banked and the floors doubled boarded. It would doubtless be a matter of economy in the expense of of warming the school rooms. Let us endeavor to keep our childeren as comfortable at school as we do them and ourselves at our homes.

Our school houses should be pleasant and attractive! Our fathers builded as well as they were able, and gave us as good an education as lay in their power. Let us do the same by our children. Many of our people are deeply interested in this matter, and I trust the time is not distant when that interest shall become general. I deplore the practice of some teachers in giving young scholars too hard lessons, whereby they are not only obliged to work hard in the school room, but a good part of the evening must given to study. Children need recreation and rest and if they are deprived of them, the effect will surely follow the cause.

DAVID A. FRENCH, Supt. School Committee.